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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" This will be considered when the Act is amended."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" When the new Panchayat Act is in force, is it legally right to conduct the panchayat elections on the old basis? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" That is a question asking for legal opinion."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" అయ్యా, ఈ పంచాయితీ ఎన్నికల గురించి చర్చించుటకుగాను అర్ధ గంట డిబేటు కావాలని కోరుతున్నాను."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I don't understand what the hon. Member is saying. I only understand the word ' half-hour debate '."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" అది చాలా ముఖ్యమైనటువంటి విషయం. దీనిపై అభిప్రాయ భేదాలు, విమర్శలు ఉన్నాయి. ఆంధ్ర కాంగ్రెస్ కమిటీ అధ్యక్షుడు సంజీవ రెడ్డిగారు . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a speech. This is Question Hour and he cannot make a speech now. I now pass on to the next question."

Alleged arson in Chirakkal taluk.

* 15 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that many houses in Chirakkal taluk including those of K. P. R. Gopalan, Kalliyasseri, Kanthalot Kunhambu of Pappinisseri and Navicheri Manikkam of Kuttyeri were either demolished or damaged by the goondas with the aid of the police during 1948–49, and if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There was loot, murder and arson in Chirakkal taluk in 1948 and 1949 attributed to Communists whereupon police took action. A few thatched buildings occupied by Communists were found pulled down. The police suspected that this was done by those who went underground to counter the allegations of grave crime made against them. It is difficult now after three years to say with any degree of certainty what really was the case.

" It is not true to say the houses of the persons referred to were damaged or demolished by goondas with the aid of the police. The question of taking action in the matter does not, therefore, arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" അണ്ടർഗ്രൗണ്ടിൽ പോയിട്ടുള്ള കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റുകാർ തങ്ങളുടെ വീടുകൾതന്നെ പൊളിച്ചുനീക്കുവാനോ തകർക്കുവാനോ ഇടയില്ലാത്തതിനാലും, കുടിലുകൾ അല്ല, വലിയ വീടുകൾതന്നെ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടേയും അധികൃതന്മാരുടേയും ശ്രദ്ധയിൽപ്പെടാതെ നാശപ്പെടുത്തുവാനോ നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തുവാനോ സാദ്ധ്യമല്ലെന്നതിനാലും, ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിലുന്നയിച്ച സംഗതികൾ തെളിയിക്കുവാൻ ആ നാട്ടിലുള്ള ജനങ്ങൾ തയ്യാറാണെന്നതിനാലും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുമോ ?

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ഇത്തരം അന്വേഷണത്തിൽ കുററക്കാരാരാണെന്നു സംശയാതീതമാംവിധം ഞാൻ തെളിവു് തരാൻ തയ്യാറാണെന്നതിനാൽ അത്തരം കുററക്കാർക്കു ന്യായമായ ശിക്ഷ നല്കാനും നഷ്ടം വന്നിട്ടുള്ളവർക്കു നഷ്ടപരിഹാരം നൽകാനും ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു തയ്യാറാവുമോ ? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ I have not understood the question. But, I might say that, if it is a question of compensation which was last referred to, I have already stated that it is difficult now after three years to say with any degree of certainty what really was the case and what the truth was. I don't think there would be any justice or utility in taking up the matter now.”

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—“ ഇതാ, സാർ, ഈ ഫോട്ടോ, കാന്തലോട്ടു് കുഞ്ഞമ്പുവിന്റെ വീടു്, ഗുണ്ടകളും പോലീസും തകർത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഇത്തരം തെളിവുകൾവെച്ചു് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ആരാണു് പ്രതികളെന്നും ആർക്കാണു് നഷ്ടം കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതെന്നും വ്യക്തമാകുമെന്നതിനാൽ ആ തരത്തിലുള്ള അന്വേഷണത്തിന്നു ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്നു് ചങ്കൂററമുണ്ടോ ? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ I thought I heard a good speech.”

(Sri T. C. Narayana Nambiar desired to show a photograph to the House.)

MR. SPEAKER :—“ This is not the time for it.”

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—“ As hundreds of houses were either set on fire or destroyed and lakhs of rupees worth of properties looted by the police or goondas, have not the Government got any responsibility to make an enquiry about these grave incidents? If so, why do the Government hesitate to appoint an enquiry committee to go into the question?

“ May I also ask the Government whether they have received any memorandum from the peasants and people whose houses were destroyed or property looted, stating that compensation should be given to them by the Government? If so, what action have the Government taken or propose to take in the matter? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ The hon. Member is repeating the allegations made in the original question. I have already answered the charge. The substance of my answer is that on the one hand the police suspect that the persons who went underground pulled down the small thatched huts in order to counter the allegations of grave crime made against them and on the other allegations are made that the policemen pulled them down. It is difficult now after three years to say with any degree of certainty what really was the truth. Sir, if the question is repeated, I have only to repeat the answer.”

11-50 a.m. SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ In view of the admission made by the Hon. the Chief Minister that he was not able to say what the truth was and in view of the fact that here are people ready to prove the case, are the Government going to institute an enquiry into the matter? This is a very simple thing.”

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Not quite so simple, if it is also remembered that it was three years ago that the thing occurred."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ ప్రశ్నకు ముఖ్య మంత్రిగారిచ్చిన సమాధానం చాలా అసంతృప్తికరంగా ఉన్నది. ఈ కేసుకు సంబంధించిన వాస్తవ విషయములను తెలుసుకొనుటకు ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఎట్టి ప్రయత్నము చేయదలచినట్లు కనుపించుటలేదు. నేరాలను బుద్ధిపూర్వకంగానే ఇతర రాజకీయ పక్షాలపై బొంకటానికే ప్రయత్నిస్తున్నట్లు తోస్తోంది. ఎవరు నేరం చేశారు అనే విషయమై వాస్తవ విషయాలు రుజువు చేయుటకు మేము సంసిద్ధంగా ఉన్నాము. ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఇప్పుడైనా అన్వేషణ జరుపుటకు పూనుకుంటారా అని ప్రశ్నిస్తున్నాను."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" On the one hand, there was loot, murder and arson. On the other, there was police action. In between, a few small huts were pulled down. The Government are not prepared to hold an enquiry into this matter which occurred three years ago."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I ask the Hon. the Chief Minister, because the incident occurred just three years ago and because so much evidence is forthcoming, whether it will not be useful to institute an enquiry? Will the Government think of holding an enquiry? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the Leader of the Opposition persists in restating the case, I can only persist in restating my difficulty. Even in matters where such incidents occurred last year, it is difficult to find any useful result. Three years ago, this took place. Both sides are interested, each in its own assertion and allegation. Oral evidence has to be taken now after three years. The Government are not prepared to have such an enquiry."

Purchase of Soviet and China publications by libraries.

* 16 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has circularised to all libraries as get or expect Government grants that they should not get any journal or book from Moscow or Peking or any journal or book that gives a truthful picture of Soviet Union or China; and

(*b*) whether grants to libraries and educational institutions as get journals or books of the type mentioned in clause (*a*) have been stopped; and if so, their names?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."